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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE COVERT ACTION INFORMATION BULLETIN, AN ANTI-INTELLIGENCE PERIODICAL, SAID THURSDAY IT HAS SUSPENDED PUBLISHING NAMES OF UNDERCOVER U.S. AGENTS WORKING ABROAD BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO PROTECT THE AGENTS.

"FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JULY 1978, THE MAGAZINE APPEARS WITHOUT ITS 'NAMING NAMES' COLUMN, WHICH HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO THE EXPOSURE OF CIA CASE OFFICERS UNDERCOVER IN U.S. EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS PART OF THEIR 'ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WHAT THEY DO,' THE EDITORS SAID IN A STATEMENT.

"BECAUSE OF THE IMMINENT PASSAGE OF THE INTELLIGENCE IDENTITIES PROTECTION ACT, COVERT ACTION INFORMATION BULLETIN HAS SUSPENDED PUBLICATION OF THIS COLUMN UNTIL THE LEGISLATION, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL ... CAN BE TESTED IN THE COURTS."

THE HOUSE LATE LAST YEAR APPROVED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000 AND UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON, TO DELIBERATELY REVEAL THE NAME OF AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT WORKING ABROAD WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT COULD CAUSE PROBABLE HARM.

SIMILAR LEGISLATION IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE.

LOUIS WOLF, ONE OF THE EDITORS OF COVERT ACTION, AND RENEGADE CIA AGENT PHILIP AGEE, A MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF ADVISERS, WERE NAMED IN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE AS PRIME TARGETS OF THE LEGISLATION.

BETWEEN THEM, THEY HAVE PUBLISHED THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 1,000 ALLEGED CIA AGENTS AND THEIR FOREIGN POSTS.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS WITHDRAWN THE PASSPORT OF AGEE, WHO NOW LIVES IN HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY.

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